



TAGUIG CITY
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TAGUIG SAFE CITY TASK FORCE

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TAGUIG SAFE CITY TASK FORCE ADVISORY NO. 30

TO : ALL RESIDENTS, RELIGIOUS LEADERS, AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS OF THE CITY OF TAGUIG

RE: Guidelines on the Operations of Places of Worship and Religious Gatherings

Pursuant to the relevant issuances of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) on the gradual reopening of the economy in increments proportional to the healthcare capacity of the country, and the recommendation of the Metro Manila Mayors, the following guidelines on the operations of places of worship and religious gatherings shall be observed:

1. MAXIMUM ALLOWED CAPACITY IN PLACES OF WORSHIP AND RELIGIOUS GATHERINGS

In accordance with the recommendations of the Metro Manila Mayors, all religious gatherings and places of worship in the City of Taguig shall be **allowed to operate at 30% venue capacity starting 25 October 2020.**

2. SAFE CITY REQUIREMENTS AND PROTOCOLS

All places of worship and venues for religious gatherings must submit the following requirements and observe these guidelines:

- a. All establishments are required to immediately submit their Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response Plan (IDPRP), otherwise known as the **“Safe City Checklist”** and identify **at least one (1) Designated Safety Officer (DSO)**, in accordance with City Ordinance No. 24, Series of 2020, City Executive Order No. 7, Series of 2020, and Safe City Task Force Advisory No. 22.

The Safe City Checklist and the submission of the details of an establishment’s Designated Safety Officer can be accomplished by clicking the link found in our Safe City Taguig website at **<https://safecity.taguiginfo.com/webinars/>**:

- b. All establishments must strictly follow the **Mandatory Reporting Protocols** for the reporting of Suspect, Probable or Confirmed COVID-19 cases thru the hotline of the Emergency Response for Notifiable Infections and Emerging Diseases (ERNIE), in accordance with Safe City Task Force Advisory Nos. 15 and 22;
- c. All establishments must familiarize themselves with the **Protocols for COVID-19 Assessment and Testing for**

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Employees, in accordance with the Systematic Mass Approach for Responsible Testing (SMART) Program of the City Government, as discussed in Safe City Task Force Advisory Nos. 5 and 22;

- d. For purposes of contact tracing, all places of worship and religious gatherings must require the **registration of all visitors prior to entry**. The use of QR codes and other online tools for ease and efficiency is highly encouraged.
- e. All the above-mentioned places of worship and religious gatherings shall not be allowed to operate during curfew hours.

3. SPECIFIC HEALTH PROTOCOLS AND GUIDELINES

In order to protect the health and safety of all our churchgoers, religious leaders and church staff, the following protocols and guidelines must be strictly observed in all places of worship and religious gatherings:

- a. All places of worship and religious gatherings must strictly implement the “No Face Mask, No Face Shield, No Entry” Policy. Proper signages must be posted at the entrance and other prominent areas in their establishment;
- b. Only persons between 18 to 65 years shall be allowed to attend religious gatherings.
- c. Seated attendees in all places of worship or venues for religious rites or ceremonies must be distanced at least one (1) meter apart on all sides;
- d. Religious and church leaders, lay ministers, members of the clergy, and other individuals leading or serving during religious rites or ceremonies, including members of the church choir, must follow all health and safety protocols, including the wearing of face masks and face shields at all times;
- e. All places of worship or venues for religious rites or ceremonies must have proper ventilation and continuous air circulation;
- f. Eating inside places of worship and venues for religious rites or ceremonies is strictly prohibited;
- g. All visitors shall be limited to a maximum of two (2) hours per visit;

The implementation of the specific guidelines provided above shall be closely and regularly monitored. These guidelines are subject to change, in accordance with the evaluation of the Safe City Task Force and the issuances of the IATF-EID, the Department of Health, and other relevant national government agencies and offices.

Any person in violation of these guidelines shall be penalized in accordance with Republic Act No. 11332, otherwise known as the “Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act” in relation to Presidential Proclamation No. 922, Taguig City Ordinance No. 24, Series of 2020, otherwise known as the “New Normal Ordinance of Taguig City” and other applicable laws and ordinances. This will be without prejudice to the filing of an administrative case if the violator is a government official or employee.

For guidance and strict compliance.

By Authority of the Mayor:

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